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NEWPORT, R.I.--3RD ADD 2ND LEAD KENNEDY (A167) X X X SACRIFICE.

IN TURN, MCCONE ASSURED KENNEDY THAT HIS OFFER OF THE POST, ENABLING HIM TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY, WAS "A VERY DEFINITE PRIVILEGE."

DULLES AND MCCONE FLEW IN THIS MORNING TO CONFER WITH KENNEDY AT THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION RETREAT, HAMPSHIRE FARM, IN NEWPORT. THEY CAME ACROSS THE SHORT STRETCH OF MARGARET BAY TO APPEAR TOGETHER AT A SESSION CALLED ONLY THIS MORNING BY THE PRESIDENT.

A CROWD OF NEARLY 500, MADE UP CHIEFLY OF NAVY STAFF OFFICERS, STUDENTS AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE WAR COLLEGE, PACKED THE AUDITORIUM TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS INCOMING AND OUTGOING INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS.

KENNEDY RECALLED THAT DULLES HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE HEADING THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FOR A YEAR WHEN KENNEDY ASKED HIM TO STAY ON AFTER HIS ELECTION LAST NOVEMBER.

HE AND DULLES HAD BEEN CONCERNED FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, KENNEDY ADDED, ABOUT MAINTAINING THE AGENCY AS "AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF OUR COUNTRY'S POLICY." MCCONE WAS THEIR CHOICE TO CARRY ON, HE SAID.

KENNEDY LAUDED DULLES AS A MAN WITH A RECORD "ALMOST UNIQUE, IF NOT UNIQUE," IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. THE SCHOLARLY APPEARING BROTHER OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, HAS FUNCTIONED IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER UNDER EIGHT PRESIDENTS, STARTING WITH PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON IN WORLD WAR I.

DULLES ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION AND HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS IN EUROPE.

IN WORLD WAR II DULLES WAS ASSIGNED TO SWITZERLAND FOR THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES AND FROM THAT HEADQUARTERS DIRECTED A FAR-FLUNG SPI NETWORK BEHIND THE LINES IN GERMANY AND ITALY.

HE BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA AFTER ITS CREATION AS AN ARM OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1947. FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MADE HIM DIRECTOR IN 1953.

DULLES SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLIGENCE MUST BE EMPHASIZED "IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES." HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO BETTER TIME TO TURN THE JOB OVER TO OTHERS AND WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE FOUND IN MCCONE A SUCCESSOR WHOM HE FEELS IS "THE IDEAL CHOICE FOR A MAN TO CARRY ON THIS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY."

THE CIA PLAYED A CONTROVERSIAL PART IN THE DISASTROUS CUBAN INVASION ATTEMPT LAST APRIL. IT HAD COLLECTED INFORMATION AND HELPED TRAIN CUBAN EXILES WHOSE SCHEME TO OVERTHROW PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO ENDED IN FAILURE.

KENNEDY DID NOT PIN THE BLAME ON DULLES.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAME A DAY AFTER HE AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED HERE FOR VACATION.

THE PRESIDENT, ETC., 1ST GRAY A16 (ORIGINAL)

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